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PASS TO TOM CROSSAN AND HARRY BROWN. HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON FY 76 AND TQ SUPPLEMENTAL IS AS FOLLOWS: THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AN APPROPRIATION OF 10,134,000 DOLLARS, A REDUCTION OF 14,000 DOLLARS BELOW THE BUDGET ESTIMATE. THE BUDGET ESTIMATE ALSO INCLUDED 2,160,000 DOLLARS FOR THE TRANSITION QUARTER; NO APPROPRIATION FOR THE TRANSITION QUARTER IS RECOMMENDED. THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE IS THE FULL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED BY RECENTLY ENACTED AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RECOMMENDED AMOUNT AND THE BUDGET ESTIMATE RESULTS FROM A REESTIMATE OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATOR, WHICH IS SPECIFIED IN THE LEGISLATION AS THE BASIS OF CALCULATING THE AUTHORIZATION. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PROVIDES THE FULL BUDGET REQUEST AS SUBSEQUENTLY REVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WHEN THE COMMITTEE BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUPPLE-MENTAL ESTIMATE, THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT PROPOSALS, ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND ONE FROM THE INTERIOR

DEPARTMENT. THE COMMITTEE DISMISSED THAT HEARING AND DIRECTED THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WITH A PROPOSAL TO WHICH BOTH COULD AGREE. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AND THE APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING BILL IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS REVISED PROPOSAL.

THE AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE 37,000 DOLLARS FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, THE JUDICIARY, AND THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, 4,026,000 DOLLARS FOR OPERATIONS GRANTS, 4,571,000 DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION GRANTS, AND 1,500,000 DOLLARS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS TRANSITION.

HOUSE REPORT ON PAY ACT SUPPLEMENTAL IS AS FOLLOWS: FY 76, 108,000 DOLLARS; TQ 38,000 DOLLARS. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. COPIES FOLLOW BY MAIL. ACTING DOTA RICE SENDS.

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